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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN UMR FOR WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR

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1. EGYPTIANS HAVE NOW FORMALLY MADE THEIR REQUEST FOR LOWER WHEAT UMR OF 1.6 MILLION TONS FOR FY-78. USG IS SUPPORTING THIS REQUEST. IF THERE IS ANY REALISTIC LIKELIHOOD THAT EC WILL AGREE TO EGYPTIAN REQUEST FOR LOWER UMR, USG AND DONOR COUNTRIES SHOULD FACE UP TO IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH ACTION IN TERMS OF NEED TO PROVIDE EGYPT WITH A COMMENSURATE INCREASE OF ONE MILLION TONS IN CONCESSIONARY FOOD AID. OBVIOUSLY REDUCTION IN UMR WILL BE MEANINGLESS UNLESS FOOD AID IS INCREASED BY LIKE AMOUNT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOE WILL TAKE USG SUPPORT FOR ITS REQUEST AS IMPLYING THAT ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONARY FOOD AID WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID ANY SUCH COMMITMENT, BUT EGYPTIANS WILL EAD OUR URGING THAT THEY SEEK LOWER UMR AS JUSTIFYING SUCH CONCLUSION.

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2. WE ASSUME IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR USG TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION TONS UNDER TITLE I AND/OR CIP PROGRAMS. IN THAT EVENT, EC, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE MOST LIKELY ALTERNATE SOURCES. IT STRIKES US THAT UPCOMING PARIS MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFICALLY

TO RAISE MATTER OF EGYPTIAN NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
CONCESSIONAL FOOD WITH OTHER DONORS.

3. WE MIGHT DO SO OR WE COULD URGE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION
TO RAISE THE MATTER. WE COULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S
VIEWS ON THE ABOVE.
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